

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 40-61 are currently pending, wherein claims 1, 31, 48, and 56 have been amended to correct typographical errors and claims 31-39 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein below.

At the outset Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-30 and 40-61 are allowed.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action (“Action”), the Examiner rejects claims 31, 34, and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,300,996 to Matsuyama et al. (“Matsuyama”). Claims 31, 34, and 36-39 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

In paragraph 8 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 31-34, 36, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0019391 to Kim et al. (“Kim”). Claims 31-34, 36, 38, and 39 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

In paragraph 10 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Matsuyama in view of U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097364 to Kwon et al. (“Kwon”). Claim 35 has been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner find the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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